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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1797**

**PATENT**  
Customer No. 63,432  
Attorney Docket No. 09138.0071-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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John FAVUZZI et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1797
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Application No.: 10/731,316	)	Examiner: Patricia Kathryn Wright
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Filed: December 8, 2003	)	Confirmation No.: 5097
	)	
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR	)	
PRETREATMENT OF TISSUE	)	
SLIDES	)	

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2008, the period for response to which extends through August 20, 2008, Applicants propose to amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.